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Claim(s) discussed: 1.11 and 13.

Identification of prior art discussed: Grube et al. (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,885,874) and Westervelt et al. (U.S. PG-PUB NO. 2002/0073196).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

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